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material in a powdered or granular form with component d), and forming the homogenized material into a molded body and subsequently cross-linking at temperatures of 80 to 240°C, wherein component d) is applied in a liquid, paste-like, or solid form at room temperature in a tumbling mixer by tumbling on the thermoplastic, polyurethane molding material obtained from the components a) through c) in the first step.

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17. (Amended) A surface material for application in the interior of a motor vehicle comprising the molded polyurethane body obtained according to Claim 22.

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18. (Amended) A packaging for food comprising the molded polyurethane body obtained according to Claim 22.

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19. (Amended) A molded body or film for a hygienic or medicinal application comprising the molded polyurethane body obtained according to Claim 22.

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20. (Amended) A hot-melt adhesive or adhesive material for textile applications comprising the molded polyurethane body obtained according to Claim 22.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the preceding amendments and for the following reasons.

In the outstanding Final Office Action, the Patent Office has allowed claims 21-24. The Patent Office, however, maintains the rejection of claims 1-11, 15 and 17-20 under 35

U.S.C. § 103(a) alleging that these claims are unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,455,312 to Heidingsfeld et al. (Heidingsfeld) in view of *Chemistry and Technology of Isocyanates*, 1996, page 315, by Ulrich (Ulrich), U.S. Patent 6,350,530 to Morikawa (Morikawa) and *Polyurethanes*, 1990, pages 181-182, by Woods (Woods). Applicants respectfully traverse the foregoing rejection.

However, in the interest of advancing the prosecution of this application, claims 1-11, as well as nonelected claims 12-14, have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve their right to pursue these claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications. Claims 15 and 17-20 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 22.

In view of the foregoing, the subject application is believed to be in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-14 without prejudice and amend claims 15 and 17-20 as follows:

15. (Amended) A method for producing a molded polyurethane body according to Claim [1] 22, comprising the steps of producing a thermoplastic polyurethane molding material from components a) through c) and well homogenizing the polyurethane molding material in a powdered or granular form with component d), and forming the homogenized material into a molded body and subsequently cross-linking at temperatures of 80 to 240°C, wherein component d) is applied in a liquid, paste-like, or solid form at room temperature in a tumbling mixer by tumbling on the thermoplastic, polyurethane molding material obtained from the components a) through c) in the first step.
17. (Amended) A surface material for application in the interior of a motor vehicle comprising the molded polyurethane body obtained according to Claim [1] 22.
18. (Amended) A packaging for food comprising the molded polyurethane body obtained according to Claim [1] 22.
19. (Amended) A molded body or film for a hygienic or medicinal application comprising the molded polyurethane body obtained according to Claim [1] 22.

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20. (Amended) A hot-melt adhesive or adhesive material for textile applications comprising the molded polyurethane body obtained according to Claim [1] 22.

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